

October 24, 2018

Ms. Lynn Jarvis  
Chief Clerk  
North Carolina Utilities Commission  
430 N. Salisbury Street  
Raleigh, NC 27603

**RE: *Motion to Excuse Appearance of Witnesses and Accept Testimony  
In the Matter of Toccoa Natural Gas Company's Annual Gas Cost Review  
For the Period July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018  
Docket G-41, Sub 53***

Dear Ms. Jarvis:

Please find attached the Motion of Toccoa Natural Gas Company to Excuse the Appearance of Witnesses and Accept Testimony at the hearing scheduled for November 7, 2018, in the above-referenced matter.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this filing, please do not hesitate to call me. Thank you in advance for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Karen M. Kemerait*

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Enclosures

cc: Christopher J. Ayers, Esq.  
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Mr. Geoffrey Gilbert  
Ms. Iris Morgan  
Ms. Julie Perry

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION  
RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. G-41, SUB 53

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of	)	
Application of Toccoa Natural Gas	)	MOTION TO EXCUSE
Company for Annual Review of Gas	)	APPEARANCE OF WITNESSES
Costs Pursuant to G.S. 62-133.4(c)	)	AND ACCEPT TESTIMONY
and Commission Rule R1-17(k)(6)	)	

Toccoa Natural Gas Company (Toccoa), through counsel, hereby moves the Commission for an order (1) excusing the appearance of witnesses at the hearing scheduled in this proceeding for November 7, 2018, and (2) allowing the introduction of all prefiled testimony and exhibits into the record at such hearing without the appearance of witnesses. Public Staff has been consulted and supports this request. Toccoa respectfully shows unto the Commission as follows:

1. This proceeding is Toccoa's annual gas cost review proceeding in which the Commission receives testimony and rules on the prudence of Toccoa's incurrence of gas costs for the 12 months ended June 30, 2018, and the propriety of its accounting for such costs during such period.

2. On September 4, 2018, Toccoa prefiled the testimony and exhibits of Harry F. Scott, Jr., and Rai Trippe in this proceeding in which these witnesses attested to the prudence of Toccoa's gas costs during the review period and the propriety of its accounting for such costs.

3. On October 22, 2018, the Public Staff filed the joint testimony of Geoffrey Gilbert, Iris Morgan, and Julie G. Perry.

4. There are no other parties to this proceeding.

5. Based upon a review of the filed testimony, there does not appear to be any matter in dispute between the parties.

6. Counsel for Toccoa and the Public Staff have conferred with respect to the issues in this proceeding and have agreed (a) to waive cross-examination of each other's witnesses, (b) to consent to the introduction of the other's party's testimony and exhibits into the record without the necessity for the appearance of such witnesses, and (c) to jointly seek the excusal of witnesses from appearance at the hearing of this matter.

WHEREFORE, Toccoa respectfully requests that the Commission enter an order (1) excusing the appearance of all witnesses at the hearing scheduled in this docket for November 7, 2018, and (2) accept the prefiled testimony and exhibits of all witnesses into the record of this proceeding without requiring the appearance of any such witnesses.

Respectfully submitted, this the 24th day of October, 2018.

**Toccoa Natural Gas Company**

Electronically submitted  
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have this day served a copy of the foregoing on each of the parties of record in this proceeding or the attorney of record of such party in accordance with Commission Rule R1-39, by United States mail, first class or better; by hand delivery; or by means of facsimile or electronic delivery upon agreement of the receiving party.

This the 24th day of October, 2018.

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